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In Reply Refer To: 311/12

Mr. Thomas M. Armstrong Corporate Environmental Programs General Electric Company 3135 Easton Turnpike Fairfield, CT 06431

Re: Novak Sanitary Landfill Site Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

This letter is written as a response to your letters of March 4, 1987 to Hs. Humane Zia and January 29, 1988 to Mr. Nichael Towle of the Hazardous Waste Enforcement Branch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding General Electric Company's use of the Novak Sanitary Landfill. Your responses indicate that General Electric may have used the site from 1956 to 1960 for disposal of wastes which may have contained hazardous substances. At this time EPA has little information concerning the time period, volume and type of wastes sent to the Novak Landfill by General Electric. Documents suggesting this disposal are claimed to be confidential by General Electric.

As you know, the EPA is seeking information concerning the release, or the threat of a release, of hazardous substances into the environment. from the Novak Sanitary Landfill Site. Pursuant to the authority of Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 6927(a), and Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCIA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of ("SARA"), public law 99-499, 100 Stat. 1613, your company is again requested to furnish all information and documents in its possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of its officers, employees or agents which concern, refer or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCIA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14) which were transported to, or stored, or disposed of at the Novak Sanitary Landfill Site in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

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EPA currently has information indicating that the owner of the Novak Sanitary Landfill also operated a waste hauling business under the name of Valley Disposal, Inc. or Valley Recycling. EPA records indicate that wastes hauled by Valley Disposal or Novak were disposed at the Novak Sanitary Landfill. EPA records also indicate that a Notification of Hazardous Waste Site form submitted by Ceneral Electric indicates that FOOl and FOO6 wastes may have been hauled to Novak Landfill. A separate form filed for another site indicates that this other site was used as an alternate to the Novak Site.

EPA has determined that your response to its previous information request letter was inadequate or incomplete. EPA now requests that you further respond to this information request within fifteen (15) days of your receipt of this letter and supply all information, documentation and records of employee interviews concerning:

- 1. the time period that General Electric Company contracted with Novak Sanitary Landfill, Novak Recycling, Novak Landfill, Valley Recycling, or Valley Disposal;
- 2. the types of wastes hauled by Valley Disposal or Novak or disposed at the Novak Sanitary Landfill;
- 3. the volume of each waste type hauled by Valley Disposal or Novak or disposed at the Novak Sanitary Landfill;
- 4. chemical analyses of the waste types hauled by Novak or disposed at the Novak Sanitary Landfill;
- 5. documentation sugesting or indicating disposal sites for the wastes containing hazardous substances generated by General Electric; and,
- 6. records of correspondence between General Electric Company and other parties (including Novak Sanitary Landfill, Novak Landfill, Novak Recycling, Valley Recycling and Valley Disposal) concerning wastes containing potentially hazardous substances generated by General Electric Company and/or disposed at the Novak Sanitary Landfill.

If documentation supporting any statements supplied by the respondent to this letter can not be supplied to EPA, then EPA requests that the respondent conduct interviews with company employees and supply EPA with information concerning the employee and the types of inoformation (e.g. employee recollection).

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. Unless a business confidentiality claim is asserted at the time the requested information is submitted, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you.

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Please send the required information to:

Michael Towle, Remedial Enforcement Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency PA. CERCIA Remedial Enforcement Section (3HV12) 841 Chestnut Street, 6th Floor Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Michael Towle at (215) 597-3166.

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Sincerely,

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PA CERCIA Remedial Enforcement Section

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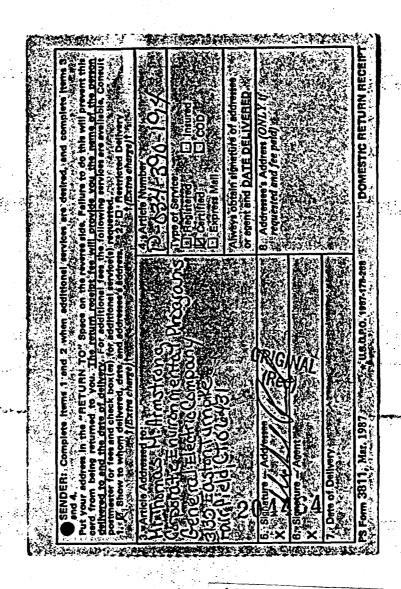
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